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RADAR BRIEFING—Under Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development James Probus (left) listens to a briefing on a radar console by Capt. R. W. Molyneux, assistant operations officer, Marine Air Control Squadron 3. During his visit at El Toro, Calif., Mr. Probus was briefed on the Marine Corps tactical data system, a lightweight, portable tactical air command and control system.

Navy's First Deep Sea Rescue Vehicle Expected Operational in June 1968

Navy is scheduled to receive the first operational prototype Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) in June 1968, for on-the-scene submarine rescues anywhere in the world within 24 hours.

The DSRV is a 49-foot submarine designed to rescue 24 crewmen at a time from a distressed submarine lying on the ocean floor at depths to 3,500 feet.

First delivery will be to a coastal embarkation point by an Air Force C-141 Starlifter jet transport.

A full-scale model of DSRV's three-sphere inner construction has been shown by Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., the prime contractor.

The spheres, each seven and-a-half feet in diameter, are connected side by side. The middle sphere has a bottom opening that leads down to the distressed submarine. Openings are also on each side allowing access to the other two spheres.

Rescued crewmen are placed in either the right or left sphere and the center one. The third sphere is used for controls and houses pilot, co-pilot and medical corpsman.

SecDef Urges Full Support Of Overseas Fund Campaign

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has requested military and civilian personnel assigned overseas to give their "wholehearted support" in the single 1967 DOD Overseas Combined Federal Campaign, March 1-April 15, to be conducted throughout all commands except South Vietnam.

Also excluded from the forthcoming campaign are bases in Panama, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. DOD personnel in these areas will be included in the domestic campaign.

The single campaign replaces for the first time three separate campaigns of former years held at overseas locations by the American Red Cross, the National Health Agencies and the American Overseas Campaign agencies.

President's Christmas Message

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES: Christmas is a time for hope. It is also a season for renewed inspiration from Christ's universal message of peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

To the men and women of the armed forces and to their families, Mrs. Johnson and I send our warmest wishes for the blessings of the Christmas heritage.

Many of you are serving the cause of freedom far from your homes and families.

Among other freedoms, you are safeguarding the right of worship. Our prayers, the invocations of free men, are constantly with you.

Your courage and dedication have earned our deepest gratitude and pride.

As we enter the New Year, we shall reaffirm our determination to secure a world at peace. And we shall hold fast to our faith in the brotherhood of men, everywhere on earth.

/S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Washington Memos

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE'S Silver Anniversary All-America Awardees for 1966 include Col. Raymond P. Murphy, USA, and Captains Custer F. Krickenberger and William S. Busik, USN. Magazine honors 25 former college football players annually for their extraordinary achievement in life in 25 years since their last season.

APPROXIMATELY 150 Air Force majors will be promoted to lieutenant colonel Dec. 20 as the second increment of 2727 allocations released in November. About 350 majors remain on the selection list for upgrading to lieutenant colonel by March.

AN ARMY MESSAGE to major commands gives further clarification on newly assigned enlisted personnel who gained promotion list status in previous command. DA Msg. 793244 specifies these individuals will not be reconsidered for promotion. They will be considered only for placement on the gaining organization's recommended promotion list.

CONCORD, FIFTH OF new class of combat store ships, has been launched at San Diego, Calif. Concord will carry a wide variety of replenishment items. Her armament will be four 3-inch, 50-caliber, twin-gun mounts. Manning will be by 35 officers and 378 enlisted men.

FIRST OF FOUR new data equipment models has been delivered to Army for processing data between surface-to-air missile batteries and Army air defense command posts. The microelectronic processing units, for Nike Hercules and Hawk sites, automatically transfer data to other batteries within complex if command post communications fail.

$1.2 MILLION CONTRACT for systems engineering and avionics design for accelerated P-2 aircraft program to be awarded by Navy. Martin-Marietta Corporation, Baltimore, Md., is to receive the negotiated firm, fixed-price, cost-plus-fixed-fee contract from Navy Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa.

AIR FORCE'S Directorate of Security and Law Enforcement has been redesignated Directorate of Security Police, an element of the Inspector General of the Air Force. This is the third name change for the organization in less than a decade. Former title was Provost Marshal.

MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO still have Postal Savings accounts are reminded that program was discontinued by Congress March 28 and interest on deposits has either already been terminated or will be terminated April 26, 1967. More than $147 million still remains on deposit, according to postal officials.

NEW HANDBOOK HAS been published by FAA for use in establishing or revising instrument flight procedures used by pilots landing at civilian or military airports. New procedures are applicable wherever FAA or the U.S. Armed Forces exercise jurisdiction over flight procedures in terminal (airport) areas. Handbook is titled "United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures."

"F" TROOP OF THE 2D SQUADRON, 11th Armored Cav. Reg., arrived in Vietnam in September 1966. Troop consists of a Hqs. Platoon and three Armored Cav. Platoons. The Blackhorse Regiment squadron boasts of being "the most potent and versatile force for size in the U.S. Army."

IN JANUARY, Air Force Reserve aeromedical evacuation units will be reorganized to provide Military Airlift Command with increased effectiveness in its worldwide air evacuation mission. New organization will have nine squadrons and 15 flights in 18 states.

AN ARMY REGULATION change calls for greater coordination between education advisers and librarians to supply on-post reading and reference needs of those enrolled in education courses. Change 2 to AR 621-5 also spells out financial assistance options available under the tuition assistance program and the "GI Bill."

AIR FORCE'S FIRST operational C-141 transport, located at Travis AFB, Calif., flew 14 hours daily during November, highest utilization rate recorded for any type of military jet-powered transport plane, according to Travis officials.

MARINE CORPS SELECTION BOARD has announced selection of five brigadier generals for promotion to temporary grade of major general. Named were: John G. Bouker, Hugh M. Elwood, Donn J. Robertson, Lowell E. English and William G. Thrash.

OUTSTANDING AIR FORCE procurement officers are receiving special recognition for the first time under a new program "to identify and commend individuals who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency in procurement assignments." Certificates signed by Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff, were presented to 46 lieutenant colonels; 29 majors; 50 captains; 51 first lieutenants and two second lieutenants.

OUT OF CYCLE Air Force promotion board is scheduled to convene March 20 to consider lieutenant colonels for promotion to temporary colonel.

MARIANO G. VALLEJO, nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine, was commissioned at Vallejo, Calif.

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VIETNAM AIRLIFT—An Air Force C-123 Provider lands at a field near Dau Tieng. During a 43-day operation, Air Force combat cargo crews flew 3,317 sorties, delivering 11,403 Army ground troops and 8,902 tons of ammunition, food and water for friendly forces engaged with the enemy in Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam.

DOD Installations, Logistics Organization Changes Directed

Organization changes in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics) have been ordered effective Dec. 19.

Robert C. Moot, deputy assistant secretary (Logistics Services), has been appointed deputy administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul R. Ignatius has assigned transportation and warehousing, telecommunications, cost reduction, food service and technical data and standardization areas to Deputy Assistant Secretary Paul H. Riley, who will continue to be responsible for supply management.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Glenn V. Gibson will assume responsibility for contract support services, direction of administrative activities for the assistant secretary, and will continue to head international programs functions.

Maj. Gen. A. T. Stanwix-Hay will be succeeded as special assistant to Ignatius by Eckhard Bennewitz, former director of weapons system analysis and readiness. Gen. Stanwix-Hay will be designated deputy assistant secretary with responsibility for functions of weapons analysis and readiness, now under Riley's supervision.

Christmas Mail to Vietnam Set for Prompt Delivery

All Christmas mail for U.S. servicemen and women in Vietnam posted on or before the suggested deadline will be delivered on time.

This assurance was made in a memorandum to President Johnson from Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien.

"The Department of Defense has taken extraordinary measures to assure overseas delivery before the holiday," the memo said.

Dec. 10 was the mailing deadline for airmail gifts to reach Vietnam in time for Christmas.

To insure delivery, there has been an expanded military airlift from Travis AFB, Calif., plus increased capacity on commercial passenger and military contract flights.

Other actions taken to carry out President Johnson's promise that armed forces mail will receive top priority without jeopardizing the flow of other vital supplies include:

- Off-loading priorities for "sea express" ships carrying mail.
- Airlifting from the ports of debarkation of sound recorded communications having the character of personal correspondence on a space available basis along with second class publications published once each week or more frequently and featuring current news of general interest.

Sole Surviving Son Policy Applies to Army Reserve

The Sole Surviving Son policy for enlisted Army Reservists has been announced by Army and is effective immediately.

Policy applies only to those who become a sole surviving son while serving their statutory military obligation or during their period of enlistment. It does not cover those who subsequently fall in this category prior to enlisting or entering on the statutory obligation.

Eligible individuals may apply for administrative discharge for the convenience of the Government, but must apply within 120 days after eligibility determination.

Those eligibles presently serving in the Army Reserve have 120 days after the Nov. 9, 1966 message, which implemented the program, to apply for discharge.

Applications submitted after time limitations will not be favorably considered except under meritorious circumstances.

Sole surviving son eligibility is defined in DOD Directive 1315.2.

Army Gets High Promotion Quota For Enlisted Men

Army has released its second highest enlisted promotion quota since the Korean War with 105,735 promotions authorized for December.

Substantial increases over last month are shown in each grade except E-6. November's E-6 authorization was 4,162 compared to this month's 3,252.

This month's authorization by grade is 105 E-9s; 501 E-8s; 1,673 E-7s; 26,164 E-5s; and 74,040 E-4s.

Air Force Changes Policy On Fighter Victory Credits

Air Force has established a new air victory policy for two-seater fighters. Policy is to give both pilots credit for each aircraft downed.

Air Force says both pilots are essential to optimum operations and both should receive full, not fractional, credit.

Navy said it has no standard rule, pointing out dual or single credit depends on the circumstances. It is possible, however, for two Navy men to receive credit, if it is determined the kill could not have been accomplished without the efforts of both.

The Marine Corps said it has yet to establish a policy on the matter.

Satellite Relays Seen Useful In Aviation Communications

The Federal Aviation Agency plans to evaluate use of satellites for relaying very high frequency (VHF) radio voice communications between aircraft and ground stations.

FAA said air traffic control experts want to determine if VHF communications via satellite will provide static and fade-free channels for pilot-to-controller messages.

The agency pointed out that pilots using the present communications equipment on long range ocean flights frequently experience loss of radio contact with ground stations due to fading, static and other interference caused by natural phenomena.

NEW USAREUR DEPUTY—Lt. Gen. James H. Polk, USA (left), new Deputy Commander in Chief, USAREUR, for Seventh Army, accompanies USAREUR Commander in Chief Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, following an honors ceremony at USAREUR Hdqtrs., Heidelberg, Germany.

AF Sets Deadlines For E-8, E-9 Promotions

Air Force has advised major commands that selection folders of master sergeants qualified or recommended for E-8 promotion consideration are due at the Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., Jan. 6. Folders of E-8s being considered for E-9 are due Feb. 3.

Central board for E-8 will meet Jan. 30-Feb. 17, with selections to centralized base personnel offices about March 1. The E-9 board is scheduled to be in session Feb. 27-March 10, with selections due about March 20.

Effective date of E-8 and E-9 promotions is April 1.

Postal Policy Affects Army Units

A new postal policy will affect all Army elements preparing third-class bulk mail labels or lists for use by other agencies or contractors that mail them for the Army.

Effective immediately, elements must either pre-sort labels or lists to ZIP Code sequence before delivering to mailer, or arrange for mailer to pre-sort material before placing it in postal channels.

Strike Command Holds No-Notice Exercise

U. S. Strike Command conducted a three-day joint Army-Air Force Airborne Assault Training Exercise early this month.

Known as One Shot 1-67, it was one of a series of no-prior-notice maneuvers designed for training and readiness testing of Strike Command, Army airborne units and Air Force tactical fighter and airlift units.

The maneuvers at Beauregard Parish Airfield, La., included tactical fighter attacks against hostile emplacements, followed by troop carrier aircraft parachuting heavy equipment, weapons and about 600 paratroopers into the area. The airborne force was withdrawn by troop carrier aircraft.

Army Urges Quick Efficiency Report Mailing

Prompt submission of officer efficiency reports is again being emphasized by Army to cut handling costs.

More than 41,000 late reports are received annually by Army. Sending letters to field commanders on each late report is a costly practice, an official said. During a four-month period 14,000 letters were dispatched.

Corrective action should be taken, officials emphasize, by establishing controls for timely report preparation and submitting reports by most expeditious means.

Army Chief of Staff Allocates School Spaces

Army Chief of Staff has approved a recommendation to allocate 1,212 of 1,344 FY68 available spaces at U.S. Army Command and General Staff College to the active Army.

This will provide 1,400 USACGSC, or equivalent school, graduates in FY68. Armed Forces Staff College will provide 160 graduates and 28 officers will be graduated from non-Army service schools.

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